

May Newsletter

Mrs. Miller's Class

The weather could not have been better for our April vacation! During the break, I found time to go watch the marathon, work in my yard and read a few excellent books, all while enjoying the sunshine. I hope your vacations were fantastic, too.

Now back to the reality of school...my fifth grade classroom...and my students. Here are some of the things we have been up to:

Reading: Which book is your child reading in his/her guided group?

- *The Westing Game*
- *Among the Impostors*
- *Rascal*
- *Night of the Twisters*
- *Pictures of Hollis Woods*

Math: We have completed fractions, decimals and percents and will be learning about three-dimensional shapes, their properties and volume next.

Writing: Poetry books are just about finished. Next up...writing realistic fiction!

Social Studies: Your child should be an expert in the three branches of government and the U.S. Constitution. We are now moving away from the eastern United States as the country expands westward.

Science: Do you think technology has to do solely with computers? That is not what your child is learning in science. So what is technology? Ask your scientist about the work he/she has been doing.

D.A.R.E.: D.A.R.E. essays are in the works. Several fifth graders will be chosen to read their writing during our D.A.R.E. graduation on June 4th.

Chorus: The fifth grade classes are practicing songs they will perform during the play on June 10th. I can't wait to see it all come together!

Health: Puberty lessons with Mrs. Grams begin May 12th.

Fifth grade MCAS dates are listed below. Please be sure your child is on time for school and well-rested on test days --- it makes for a much more relaxed atmosphere.

Tuesday May 13 and Thursday May 15 - Math

Monday May 19 and Tuesday May 20 - Science

Thursday May 22 and Friday May 23 - Social Studies

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs. Deana Miller